RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Minister of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation is implementing a Centrally sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) through all the States/UTs with effect form 1.12.1997. Under the Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) component of this scheme urban un-employed or under-employed poor living below the poverty line are encouraged to set up self employment ventures relating to servicing, petty business and manufacturing units. Special attention is given to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Tribes, disabled persons, women and other such categories as may be indicated by the Government form time to time. There are no minimum educational qualifications for the beneficiaries under this scheme. However, scheme is not applicable to the beneficiaries educated beyond the IX standard.

(c) The details of Central funds released to the States/UTs under SYSRY are as under:—

Year	(Rs. in lakhs)
2000-2001	Rs. 8513.00
2001-2002	Rs. 3831.00
2002-2003 (upto 28.2.2003)	Rs. 8836.33

Conversion of shops allotted by DDA from leasehold to freehold

1992. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a plan under consideration for allowing conversion of shops allotted by DDA from leasehold to freehold;

(b) if so, by when this scheme is proposed to come into operation; and

(c) the amount Government propose to charge from the allottees for such conversion along with the other details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The amount of conversion fee and the date of commencement of the scheme will be finalised only after a decision is taken in the matter.

CCF to Municipalities of Orissa

1993. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the municipalities in Orissa which have been provided assistance from the City Challenge Fund (CCF) to take up reforms during last one year of its existance;

(b) the reasons for delay in formulating norms for utilisation of funds under CCF; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government for proper utilisation of CCF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No assistance has been provided to municipalities in the country, including municipalities of Orissa, from the City Challenge Fund (CCF) during last one year.

(b) and (c) Union of India had sought assistance of the Department for International Development (DFID), U.K. for design of the CCF. The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad was selected by the DFID for this purpose. The draft policy report and operational guidelines for CCF prepared by ASCI have been discussed by Government with State representatives in a meeting held at Hyderabad on 13.2.03. The norms proposed in the guidelines are under revision and would require approval of Government as per prescribed procedure to ensure proper utilization of CCF.